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INDO UNICEF AGREEMENT ON HIV/AIDS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an agreement was signed between India and the UNICEF in order to check violence against children and to reduce the rate of HIV/AIDS among adolescents in the next five years; and

(b) if so,the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b): The 2008-2012 Country Programme Action Plan has been signed between the Government of India (Ministry of Women and Child Development) and UNICEF.The overall goal of the 2008-2012 Country Programme is to advance the fulfillment of the rights of all women and children in India to survival,development,participation and protection by reducing social inequalities based on gender,caste,ethnicity or region.

The Children and AIDS programme seeks to contribute to the achievement of Millenium Development Goal number 6.Operating under the framework of National Aids Control Programme III and the GOI Policy framework for Children and AIDS,this policy was launched on 31 July,2007 and outlines key Ministries and their respective roles.The Children and AIDS programme will seek to reduce vulnerabilities slowdown the rate of new infections and mitigate the impact of HIV/AIDS among children 0-18 years old;in addition,the emphasis in the area of prevention will be on the most at risk and especially vulnerable groups.This group includes young people who are already sexually active,sex workers,injecting drug users,children living in high risk areas, migratory population etc. young people up to the age of 24.The programme will work in close collaboration with other United Nations agencies in the achievement of United Nations Development Assistance Framework Outcome 1.5 to reduce the HIV/AIDS prevalence rate among disadvantaged groups.